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necessarily a bad thing to do, but I'm concerned that if we get too much of it, it might circumvent the purpose of a well moratorium. Certainly there's county lines, the NRD lines are artificial lines, and so what this would say is that if you're going to drill a well in a "nonmoratorium" area and transfer to a moratorium area, you have to have approval of the involved NRDs. It doesn't say you can't do it. It just says the NRDs involved have to approve. Now in some cases, there may only be one NRD involved because you might be transferring water from a "nonmoratorium" area to a moratorium area but within the same NRD. And so this amendment would just say you have to have the approval of the NRDs involved. I know that was an issue when the...when the Upper Republican was the only NRD in the state that had a moratorium. This amendment also contains a technical change that would allow a management plan to include the adoption or implementation of a joint action plan without having a formal revision of the plan. Right now, if both NRDs have had their plan in place and they've had a public hearing, they wouldn't have to have a joint public hearing. I have discussed this amendment with the people from the Department of Natural Resources. It is their language. They do not necessary approve or disapprove, but I think they're favorable to it. So if you have any questions, I'd try and answer them, but I'm trying to prevent problems from happening out there, and that's why I've introduced this amendment. So this just says, if you're going to transfer water to a moratorium area, you have to have the approval of the NRD, or if there is two NRDs, both of them have to approve.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. You've heard the opening on AM1017 to LB 619 by Senator Schrock. Open for discussion on that amendment, Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, since this is my priority bill, we'll put it on to it, but I've read the amendment and I think I can support it all right. I'd just like to get in just a little discussion with Senator Schrock on it. I think it wouldn't hurt to have a little open discussion on what we're talking about.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, will you yield to a question